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SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURES

Spreader, In-Body Salt

SOP 12B-26

Hazard Review		
Inclement Weather	Flying Objects	Traffic
Mounting/Dismounting	Overloading	Pinch Points
Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (Based on job specific hazard review)		
Safety Glasses	Safety Vest	Safety Shoes
Gloves		

1. Supervisors shall verify that operators are capable and qualified on each type of equipment before allowing the equipment to be operated unsupervised.
2. Operators shall perform a pre-operational check of their equipment. Be familiar with operator's manual. Report all needed repairs promptly. Do not use any equipment that is unsafe.
3. Make sure lighting is working properly on truck and spreader.
4. When mounting or dismounting equipment, use steps and handholds provided. Do not jump from the equipment.
5. Keep hands and body away from all moving parts and be aware of pinch points.
6. Never make any repairs or adjustments on the unit while it is in operation.
7. All personnel must keep clear of spread area.
8. Disengage PTO and depressurize all lines before disconnecting.
9. Make sure spreader is properly secured to truck prior to beginning operation.
10. Ensure operation of spreader prior to loading.
11. Do not exceed manufacturer's weight specifications.
12. Obtain assistance when installing and removing spreader from truck as needed.
13. Make sure that all spreader stand's legs and pins are secured as needed.
14. Plan to minimize/eliminate the need for backing. Utilize a spotter when backing is required. If no spotter is available, operator must physically check behind the vehicle before backing using the GOAL (Get Out and Look) method before backing.
15. Make sure back-up alarm is working properly.
16. Spreader shall be calibrated consistent with pre-determined application rate.
17. Spreader is to be cleaned and lubricated following each use.
18. A safety vest shall be worn when the employee is out of the vehicle and exposed to moving or backing vehicles.
19. Make sure all plugs and caps are returned to hydraulic and electrical connections after each use.
20. Secure any loose items prior to moving truck.

Related SOP's	
General SOPsChapter 10	Loader, Front End.....12A-11
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